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SETTING UP OF AN ACCIDENT DATA BASE
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has undertaken an exercise to collect massive data on a national scale to map road accidents across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP) has offered to finance a project to build an accident data base;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Union Government thereto; and

(e) the manner in which the projected data-base is likely to be an improvement on the existing database ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (d) This Ministry has undertaken a Project titled 'India Road Accident Database (IRAD)' for scientific collection and compilation of road accident data sponsored by United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and Pacific (UNESCAP). The project aims at evolving a comprehensive road accident database in the country covering 28 States, 7 Union Territories and also 23 selected cities. The total cost of the project is 90,000 US$. The project envisages collection of road accident data electronically through a 19 item format covering inter-alia location aspect of road accident, various causes attributable to road accident, vehicles characteristics, road characteristics etc. This Ministry has already undertaken a pilot project in Tamil Nadu to finalise the format for collection of primary accident data.

(e) The revised 19 item format under IRAD Project attempts to comprehensively cover all the aspects of road accidents and would help formulate better policy decisions.